

State Board of Education Adopt Negro American Series Readers

participation in this fund in your county.

Respectfully yours,
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To the principals and teachers in the public schools of the State, may I call your attention to the fact that the State Board of Education has recently adopted the Negro American Series Readers by Emma E. Akin and published by the Harlow Publishing Corporation. These basic Readers are designed especially for Negro Schools. There are four books in the Series: "Negro Boys and Girls", "A Booker T. Washington School", "Gifts", and "Ideals and Adventures". These books seem to meet the fundamental need in reading materials for Negro children.

First, the stories are not only about Negroes, but they center around the experiences of Negro children generally.

Second, the stories are of a nature to develop a type of self-respect. They point to the possibilities of achievement within the reach of the average Negro boy or girl.

Third, they are fundamentally a character training series in that worthwhile standards of conduct are constantly presented.

Fourth, these books have been reviewed by a number of Negro school men and women in the state and have met their approval.

This is the first opportunity we have had to use books about Negroes. It is hoped that principals and teachers will take a special interest in seeing that these books are used in our schools. If this opportunity is used, the State Board will very likely add other readers that will be suited to our children.

May I suggest that you contact your county superintendent or Jeanes teacher at once about the use of these books so that you may be assured that the books will be on hand at the opening of school. If funds are available in your county for the purchase of supplementary materials, an investment in sets of these books would be wise.

I wish too to call your attention to a recent action of the General Assembly of South Carolina in which money has been appropriated for the purchase of library books for rural schools of the several counties. Inquire through your county superintendent regarding our